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REMARKS

Claims 1-8, 13-22 are presented in this application. Claims 9-12 have been cancelled.

Claims 1, 3-8, 14, 16, 17 and 18 have been amended. Claims 1, 14, 16, 17 and 18

have been amended to adapt the claims in a form more suitable for examination in the

US and to correct spelling errors. Claims 3-8 have been amended to remove multiple

dependencies for the purpose of reducing fees. Claim 17 has been amended to be

directed to subject matter acceptable under US patent practice.

Applicants have amended the specification for purposes of adding the priority

information. Further, appropriate headings have been inserted on accordance to 37

CFR 1.77. Applicants have attached an Abstract on a separate sheet of paper as

required by US practice.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance.

An early consideration and Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future

replies, to charge any fees or credit any overpayment, particularly including any fees

required under 37 CFR Sect 1.16 or 1.17, and any necessary extension of time fees, to

deposit Account No. 07-1392.

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